



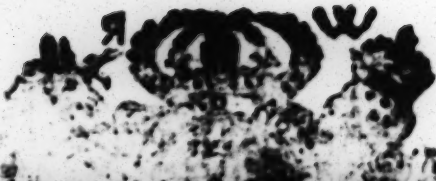
BY THE
Lords Justices
AND
COUNCIL,
A
PROCLAMATION

Winchester, Galloway.



WE HEREBY the due Execution of an Act made in the last Session of Parliament in this Kingdom, Intituled, An Act for Banishing all Papists exercising any Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and all Regulars of the Popish Clergy out of this Kingdom, who have Obstructed and Hindered by several Statutes, and other Popish Regulars and Dignitaries, who continue and remain in this Kingdom beyond the time limited by the said Act for their Departure, under pretence that they are only Parish Priests, and have been so a long time; For Remedy whereof, and for the more plain Detection of the Fallacy of such pretences, and the better to Distinguish the Secular Popish Priests from the Popish Regulars, and other Popish Dignitaries; and likewise for preventing such practices for the future, We the Lords Justices and Council have thought fit, and do by this Our Proclamation, strictly Command and Require all and every Popish Secular Priests within this Kingdom at their Peril, within Twenty days next after the Date hereof, to give or send under their respective Hands to the High-Sheriff of the respective Counties, wherein they dwell or Reside, his true Christian Name and Surname, and the place of his Habitation, Abode, or Residence, and such of them who Officiate, or Serve, or Pretend so to do, for any Parish or Parishes, that they do in such Account, set down and express the name of the Parish or Parishes for which they so Officiate or Serve, as aforesaid, and in what Baronry, and County or Counties the same do ly, and when first he came to be Priest of such Parish or Parishes, and how long he hath been Reputed or Known to be Priest thereof.

And



And further, We hereby Command all and every such Secular Popish priests, that when, and as often as any of them shall remove from his Habitation, place of Abode, or Residence, or from the Parish or Parishes whereof he was Reputed to be Priest, that immediately on such Removal, they respectively give the like Account thereof, under their Hands to the Sheriff of the said County from whence he shall so Remove as aforesaid, together with the name of the Parish or Parishes to which he Removes, and the name of the Town, Place Barony and County, to which he intends to Remove, or hath Removed, and to give the like account to the Sheriff of the County into which he shall Remove or come, as aforesaid, and therein further to insert the Town, Village, Place, Barony and County from whence he last next before Removed or came.

And that every Secular Popish Priest, who shall at any time hereafter pretend to be Priest of any Parish or Parishes within this Kingdom, shall before his Officiating, or Serving therein as such, give the like account under his Hand to the Sheriff of the County, or Counties, wherein such Parish or Parishes do lye, of his Name Surname, Place of his Habitation, Abode, or residence; and in Case of Removal, then immediately to give account thereof to the respective Sheriffs, in such and the like manner as is herein before directed.

And We do hereby Declare, that such of the said Secular Popish Priests, who shall neglect or refuse to give, or send such accounts as are required from them by this Our Proclamation, they shall be dealt with and punished according to Law. And We do hereby strictly Command the respective Sheriffs of this Kingdom, to whom any such accounts are hereby required to be given within Twenty Days from the Date hereof, to certify such returns and accounts to the Clerk of the Council, or his Deputy, as soon as they receive the same, and at furthest on or before the Twentieth Day of July next, after the date hereof, and that they respectively certify the other returns to be made to them, as by this Our Proclamation is directed to the Clerk of the Council, or his Deputy as aforesaid, from time to time, immediately after they shall receive the same, whereof they are not to fail at their Perils.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Twenty seventh Day of June, 1698.

Longford, C. S. Blesinton, C. S. Narcissus Dublin, St. Geo. Clogher,
Cha. Feilding, Rob. Doyn, Rob. King.

God Save the King.